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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	1185.1047
	Application Number	09/330,016
	Filing Date	June 11, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi Yamazaki et al.
	Group Art Unit	2871
AMOUNT ENCLOSED		Examiner Name Dung Nguyen

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00

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930.00

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320)

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Total of above Calculations =

\$ 930.00

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TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 2,930.00

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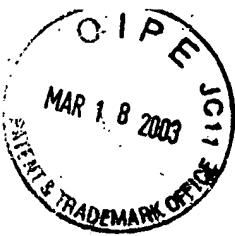
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In re the Application of:

Hiroshi Yamazaki et al.

Serial No. 09/330,016

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No. 8878

Filed: June 11, 1999

Examiner: Dung Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE, LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY AND GUIDE PLATE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on December 12, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 12, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,887,964 to Higuchi et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,771,328 to Wortman et al. In the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Higuchi et al. does not disclose an emission face having light scattering elements with a rough area having a roughness smaller than that of the light scattering elements. Indeed, referring to Figs. 1 and 4 of Higuchi et al., the emission face of the guide plate appears to be smooth.

The Examiner cites Wortman et al. for the deficiencies. However, as discussed below, Wortman et al. does not compensate for the deficiencies in Higuchi et al.

First, it would not have been obvious to use the prisms of Wortman et al. on the light

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